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DEPARTMENT PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING TO J.V. KNIGHT, ARAMCO,
WASHINGTON, DC, TLX 892424:

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TAGS: ELAB, TH
SUBJECT: RTG WAGE SURVEY

1. EMBASSY REGRETS THAT NO STATISTICALLY SOUND SURVEYS EXIST
FOR WAGES AND HOURS OF CONSTRUCTION WORKERS IN THAILAND.
2. FOR ITS OWN PURPOSE IN REVIEWING CONTRACTS FOR THAI WORKERS
GOING TO SAUDI ARABIA AND BAHRAIN THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR HAS SET
MINIMUM WAGE RATES IN 70 DIFFERENT JOB CATEGORIES, RANGING FROM
LABORER AT \$0.90 PER HOUR TO RADIO AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS ENGI-
NEER AT \$4.35 AN HOUR. AMONG THE 70 CATEGORIES ARE: PLUMBERS
AT \$1.65, CARPENTERS AT \$1.70, ELECTRICIANS AT \$3.00. IN DETER-
MINING THESE MINIMA, THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR DID SURVEY LOCAL
EMPLOYEES BUT THESE RATES DO NOT GIVE REAL BASIS FOR DETERMINING
LOCAL WAGE RATES. CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY IN THAILAND IS LABOR
INTENSIVE AND ITS PRODUCTIVITY WOULD NOT BE COMPARABLE TO ANY
MODERN CONSTRUCTION OPERATION. MOST COMMON LABORERS ON
CONSTRUCTION WOULD EARN ABOUT \$1.25 PER DAY IN BANGKOK.
3. THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR DOES INTEND TO UPDATE PERIODICALLY
THE SCHEDULE OF WAGE RATES FOR WORKERS GOING TO THE MIDDLE
EAST BUT HAS NO DEFINITE TIMETABLE FOR REVISIONS. IF ARAMCO
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THINKS THAT SUCH A SCHEDULE WOULD BE USEFUL TO IT EMBASSY
SUGGESTS COMPANY CONTACT THE THAI EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON.
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